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THE RUSTY SHOTGUN.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY W. C. MORROW.

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AVING no parents, (they being dead, it is proper to explain), I was taken in charge by a very rich and very miserly uncle; and, as every one who tells the truth must appear to exhibit a spirit of ingratitude, I will say, in palliation of my hon-esty, that my uncle was so kind to me as to have given me a good education, albeit he withheld from me the material me an s by which I might have made apparent the fact that I was a gentleman. So I was compelled to every one who tells the

that I was agentleman. So was compiled to grant any thumbs and of lows compiled to be and leave me his fortune. At he was a back-bolor, and as I was his only hele-appeare, and as he had let it be understood that I should older to help the special control of the special contr

My uncle, being in his dotage, imagined that he needed the consoling presence of a female buman being in his house.

mortals.

She was an orphan, and only fiteen years old,
-special reasons why I should have found it in
me to give her, so far as my capacity would
permit, tiose graceful consolations of human
sympathy which her orphaned condition had
have than that, I should not sympathy which her of panals, I should not have permitted my headstrong pride to plunge me into a resentful course which eventually destroyed even my hope of succeeding to the

destryogd even my hope of succeeding to the possession of my nucle's fortune. To make all this cleaver, I may explain that To make all this cleaver, I may explain that the possession of the cleaver of the clear before set forth: First, I was disablated of the child and contemptatous toward my uncle for having taken between seven seven my uncle having taken between seven seven my uncle played a steely firmness that surprised me; played a steely firmness that surprised me; third, I lett the bose in dulgon, and defantly, and went out to seek an honest livelihood; courts, I became audited that my oracle would control to the control of the control of the professional series of the professional series of the professional series of the professional series of professional series of professional series and professional series professional series and professional series professional series professional series and profess disinherit me and install Laura in my place

All these things consumed a few years in the appening, and they but added to the sweetess and beauty of the girl. The shrewd eader will instantly reflect that the simplest reader will instantly reflect that the simplest and most practical course for me would have been the courting and marrying of the girl; and no doubt be has a sly idea that some such demonement will end this story; but I am by profession a historian and not a story-writer; and I propose to spring a surprise or two will be supposed to suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose that the suppose to spring a surprise or two will stop the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose that the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose that the suppose that the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose that the suppose the suppose the suppose the suppose the suppose that the suppose the sup

When Laura was about eighteen or nineteen and I had established myself in a way to be re-garding myself as independent of my uncle's fortune, I was vastly amazed to receive the

and the research and in specificate of any smole's fortune, I was vastly amazed to receive the following letter from the benighted girl:

"By accident I have just discovered, through some letters written by you to your under several content of the seve

Here was a second opportunity to secure the fortune; but the oil splirit of perceitiy again assumed control. Let the fortune go hanging to be the thing till suffer. I had surrendered my plate through my own folly: twa not in me to be thing till suffer. I had surrendered my plate through my own folly: the wep heart to have her discover that a world in nature had made a cur of me. I wondered if the realized how deeply she had wonded me. After all (and this was a problem which my creently caquired experiences in business had enabled me to throw some light upon, my siy in a place to know about the revenues of rich in a place to know about the revenues of rich in a place to know about the revenues of rich my control of the control of th

in a place to know about the revenues of rich people, and by no means could I learn that my uncle had any considerable income from in-vestments. He had a few houses, the rentals of which yielded sufficient for his needs; but of which yielded sufficient for his needs; but beyond them there was a trace of nothing what-ever. A very old story (which I was unable to verify) ran to the effect that many years ago he had invested his money in diamonds, which he was aupposed to have secreted somewhere. His old man-servant (a fellow named Riggs) as I took the trouble to ascertain. It would have been just like my sly old uncle to encour-

have been just like my sky old uncite to encourage a belief in the existence of his wealth, for he was taked of power. In the word that of power, the was known to have, though little, was now harm's by right, and I despised it as much as I ald myzelf. I could intend that the land written hanging the kind of letter that she and written but more the less cruel. I could see my unclearing about the house, awaring at Rigar, and the house, exit and the could even see the closet of the room adjoining his bed-cham-ber, as I had often seen him do, and hug it and caress it, and pretend that he always kept it

cares it, and pretend that he always kept it loaded for burglars.
But while taking a secret delight in all these mental pictures, I was cosing not into in efforts her letter had invested me with a foolish sentiment on her account, though a kind Providence withheld from me an exact understanding of it. All that I thought I wanted was to find her, to all that I thought I wanted was to find her, to I would go many a long mile to prove my friendship for her, and, If possible, to restore her to my uncle's freside. In my softened state I was even touched without any waste of time I put detectives out to find the runaway, and of course they would be soft in the put of the course they would be soft in the runaway, and of course they would be covered the run y uncle had taken no step so expensive—he had merely charged up and down with the old sheigun, and then cried like a baby.

A sense of delicacy, which I am certain the reader would not have expected, restrains me from setting out all the details of my meeting with Laura. I had not seen her for a long time, and was astonished to observe how very charming she had grown. Whether or not our inter-

view developed a gentimental character, I shah! leave it to the match-making reader to inter, my only caution to him being to beware of a trap of my setting. About all I care to any just now is that, after an excellent understanding had arisen between us, she reality informed me that she had left something at my uncle's house that she treasured highly, but that as a she was fully determined not, to return to him (having in her continual branches her before, in (having in her continual branches).

house that she treasured highly, but that as she was fully determined not to return to him (having, in her opinion, hurned her bridges in the control of the

work. The unexpected happened. It had never oc-curred to me to think of danger from the dire-tion of old Higger—I had conceived my under the control of the Higger—I had conceived my under meanages. It may be inferred, therefore, that I was greatly disconfield, when old Higgs, shak-ing as though he had an ague, suddenly merged upon a side porch as I was hastening away with the phunder, nervously brought the and blaced away at me with a row that reverfamiliar old shotgam to his quaking shoulder, and blazed sway at me with a roar that reverberated throughout the township. I was still more embarrassed to discover that his his had been marderously good; for the blow which I received from the gun's missiles struck me with so overwhelming violence that it sent me sprawling upon the grass; and I thought that I was burt to death.

I lay there stunned and bleeding, utterly unshibe to rise, and only half conscious of interacting things which were getting themselves to hope the proper conduct of the proper conduct of Laura. Seeing me fall, also sprang from the buggy, ran through the gate, and fung herself upon the grass beside me, saying things that sounded too pleasant to be my head and kissed me a number of times, and applied other and similar soothing and healing remedies, including tears. Then with a quick and vigorous energy she caught me around the toward the gate, with the manifest intention of the course of the conduction of the conductio I lay there stunned and bleeding, utterly unbody, inder the arms, and ogan to arag me toward the gate, with the manifest intention of bundling me into the buggy and driving to safety with me. I have no doubt that she would have accomplished this task had not a

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GREAT railroad

ment.

The officers of the railway company were kind to poor Mary Burk. They paid the expenses of the burkla, and, after little joe has dowly served from the burkla, and, after little joe has dowly served from and keep the glass and wood-work. When one was seven years old his mother bright and meat.

When one was seven years old his mother He went spatiently day after day, making no compliaint, but she swoke suddenly one night to find him sobbing on the pillow beside her. Only by dait of long coacting was she able to Some of the rougher boys—more thoughtless

and out the cause of his grief.

Some of the rougher boys—more thoughtless has orcel, let as hope—had called him has orcel, let as hope—had called him hemory, and saked if he earried a bag of seed on his back that force caught or mother day, or the description of the carried a bag of the carried a bag

"They're gone! A miracle can't save 'em' and one, volcing the wordless terror of the and one, volcing the wordless terror of the key'll, go down as soon as they strike the The rerowd began to ran along the track, some with a valid installed of helpfulness, some with a valid installed of helpfulness, who some with a valid installed of helpfulness, who sawe with a valid installed of helpfulness, who sawe with a valid installed of helpfulness, which was not the property of the long rise the speed of the runaway engine auddenly alackensa! "What does it mean! She never could 'a' man."

Excitement winged their feet. When the foremost runner reached the place the amoking engine stood still on her track, quivering in every steel-clad nerve, her great wheels still whizing round and round amid a flight of red sparks from beneath.

"Who did lift Who stopped her?"

The engineer, staggering from the cab, with the pallid face of the fireman behind him, pointed, without speaking, to where a little pale-faced, crooked-backed boy had sunk down panting with exertion beside the track. At his feet a huge oil-can lay over-turned and empty.

"He oiled the track!"
"Hurrah for Crooked Joe!"

"Aurran for Grocked Jee!"
They caught the exhausted child, lifted him from shoulder to shoulder, striving with each other for the honor of bearing him, and so in irregular, tumultuous, triumphal procession they brought him back to the depot and set him down among them.

"Pass the hat, pards!" cried one.

"Pass the hat, pards" cried one.
It had been pards; and the rescued exmonth's wages. Not a hand in all the throng
that did not device into a polete. There was
even to be a superior of the control of the
"Out with your handkerchief, Joel Your"Out with your handkerchief, Joel Youwhat-what's the matter" for the boy, with
both small hands behind his back-she poor,
twisted back laden with its burden of deform"No, no," he cried, in a shrift, high voice.
"Don't pay me! Came you see what its worth
use—like other folker".
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"The superintended his boy's head.
"Joe," he said, "we couldny! yay you if ye

queer distraction appervened.

Just as site had fulry started with me, the country of the countr



AM not a believer in ghosts, have sover be en accounted superstitions, have never be en accounted superstitions, one a on u se'd and yet. I am convinced that so impassable guill. Hos between the quick and the dead. Nay, and doen, at times revisit its ferrestrial home and make its presence knows to be living. The presence knows to be living presence in a vision of the thing where if yet its presence and one in the convenience of the thing where if yet its presence any own life hath telt the touch rether thing where it which this works.

of a soul from the dead.
Three weeks before the night on which this wondroue experience came, my brokher, twin to my only
siter, died. Ab, how we mourned blim, my siders
start, died. Ab, how we mourned blim, my siders
sad did Alice. Perhaps the mystery of their joint
blick halt their rouls closer together. Besider I had
a comforter; she had none, save the Good Pather,
whose hand stilled the wild throbbings of sock
wounded heart. I had Bline, my bettothed, whom I
loved better than sister or brother, than sught clear

sevel better man abter or brother, than aught else on earth.
On the night whereof I write, the white maw by to the depth of a foot along the best of the three white who was the white who was the white white who was venual chair still sat by the hearth and whang presence still enemed to previoue and half white who was the white w her light shawl closer about her shoulders and mov-ing her chair nearer to me, she said, with a slight tremor in her sweet voice: "John, somehow I feel as I class brother was very mare to-indiha, nai—and sei I I class brother was very mare to-indiha, nai—and sei I What can it mean, John'' and she laid as trembling hand upon my war, as very gratify I attrobed with my result pains the soft back of her white hand, "I feer that it is not good for you to be alone so much dead come not back to the living; or, if such a thing is possible, thin, I am sare, would be dear brother's

"August

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TEN POR COMPORT BY EMMA HERRICK WEED.

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T was a willyn sight in August, dark, mossless, and without a breath of all easter.

Latiner was travelling, at an hour, too, when most house follower in bed, lay through a lonely travel most of the serveral miles. But Mr. Latiner was no coward, besides he was ful out the serveral miles and the dark when "she" has just answered the question for the difficulty, on which hings to him all

wast for lot when "then' has hist answered the open-tion in the affirmative, on which hinges to him all in-future weal or woo.

As he meared the odgs of the remap he noted the As he may be a substantial to the state of the state of the theory of the state of the state of the state of the whitepred in the statemat sir. Not a frog or tree-ted to dispared to include. There could be that one meaning to this—a storm was close at hand.

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A few days later, Latimer set dut to call on a young man by the name of El wood, who had moved to the rillings the year before. The house stood back from

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are hundreds who can be a seven of a story; how one Becomisch, but 100 years of 100

uggled into the house and hid under beds, closets and bureau drawers. Mothers and atless and grandmas have a great deal of mysious work to be done, although they look y unconscious when the children come und, and they have just siled Tommy's me or Effics handkerchier-case under their

around, and they have plast siled Tommy's new expressions. The state of the process of the proce



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E have so many good things in our hive nowa-days, that it is difficult to tell just what to pre-sent first; but as every-body is on the lookout for Christmas sugges-tions, a few things that may be used for Christ-mas gifts will not come am is. Photograph frames are always ac-

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Pau'out eich glaring light;

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Sliesp rweetly thou; good-night.

Then take a piece of white sain, lined, and
pauch mergin as you like. Pain a cressent
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earlyst, which suggested to her an intitation. "I want to work at one to carry out that idea, and procering a smooth piece of fonce-wire a most payed long, best if into a square frame, withing yard long, best if into a square frame, withing handle, then tied one end of my dark colored handle, then tied one end of my dark colored wavend frunty and eventy, completely around the whole frame until it was all filled two or wavend frunty and eventy, completely around back-ground for my brighter yarms. I then basted into the frame very tightly on one side back-ground for my brighter yarms. I then basted into the frame very tightly on one side to the frame very tightly on one side to the property of t

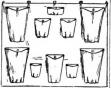
side, basting through, then back.
yearns were all basted in their places.
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Mas. D. E. Morperr, Corning, Iowa.

I am sure Mrs. Moffett's suggestions will
this work is useful for home-made tapestry
covering for furniture, as well as other according to the continuation of the continuation.

combination.

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all around the foundation and across the top of each pocket with the red, cut two inches wide, considered with the red, cut two inches wide, and the red with the red, cut two inches wide with the red, cut two inches wide with the red, cut two inches with the red, cut the red with the red, cut the red with the red wi



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gilt paint at each end of the horn improves it wonderfully."

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No pleasanter surprise could be given a young girl at this season than to returnish her bed-room; and Mrs. E. L. Hill of Dansebrog, and increased the season than the season than a sea

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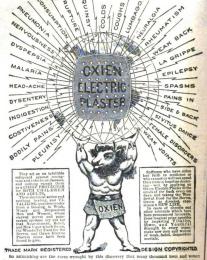
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